



# St Brigid's, Marrickville

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## PARISH TEAM

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Fr Van Cong Nguyen CP	Jim Yeo - Safeguarding Officer	

## SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION - 5th April 2026

*St Brigid's Parish, Marrickville, acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional owners of the land on which it is built;  
the Gadigal people of the Eora nation.*

### PASTORAL MINISTRY CONTACTS

#### Adult Faith Formation

Mary Leask

#### Adult Sacraments

Sr Rosana

#### Altar Society

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Sr Elenita

#### Children's Sacraments

Sr Elenita

#### Family Group

Adrienne & Jonathan Harverson

#### Justice & Peace Network

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#### Maintenance Committee

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#### Men's Club

Arthur Kassis, John Skinner & Mick Ward

#### Ministry of Care

Sr Rosana

#### Passionist Companions

Margaret Turner

#### Sacred Union

Fr Giltus CP

#### Safeguarding Officer

Jim Yeo

#### Seniors' Group

John Freeman & Peggy Blackall

#### Youth Group

Jenny Ryan-Cook

Dearest Parishioners and Friends,

As we arrive at Easter, we do not come here in a hurry. We come here having travelled a path. We embraced a theme, *"Walking the Way of Francis in a Restless World"*, at the beginning of this Lenten season. We have been walking together through a restless world, a world full of noise, uncertainty, division, fatigue, pressure and longing. And in the midst of that restless world, we have tried to walk the way of Christ in the spirit of St Francis: gently, honestly, prayerfully, and with open hearts. This Lent has not been simply a season we observed. It has been a journey we have made.

In the First Week of Lent, we began by facing the temptation of false security. We were reminded that so much of what the world offers, control, possessions, status, self-protection, cannot finally save us. Like St Francis stripping away everything that stood between himself and God, we were invited to begin again, to loosen our grip, and to trust more deeply.

In the Second Week, we climbed the mountain of the Transfiguration and heard that simple but demanding command: "Listen to him." In a world crowded by voices, opinions, distractions and constant stimulation, we were called back to silence, to attentiveness, and to the voice of God. Francis knew that peace begins when the heart becomes quiet enough to listen.

In the Third Week, we reflected on crossing divides in a fractured world. Lent challenged us to look honestly at the walls we build, between people, cultures, generations, and even within our own families and hearts. The example of Francis embracing the leper reminded us that grace often begins where fear ends, and healing often starts when someone dares to move closer instead of pulling away.

In the Fourth Week, we reflected on belonging in an age of loneliness. We were reminded that so many today live surrounded by others, yet carry deep isolation within them. The Gospel called us to become people of light, welcome and companionship, people who help others feel seen, known and loved. Francis built fraternity in a broken world. He knew that joy is not found in standing above others, but in walking with them.



In the Fifth Week, we heard again the call to mercy in a harsh and unforgiving age: "Drop the stones." In a culture quick to judge, shame, cancel and condemn, Jesus revealed a different way, the way of compassion, restoration and life. Francis knew this well. He understood that no person should be reduced to their worst mistake, and that mercy always sees further than judgement.

Then, as Holy Week unfolded, all these themes gathered into one. On Palm Sunday, we saw Jesus enter Jerusalem in humility, not in power as the world understands power. He came not on a war horse, but on a borrowed donkey. Quietly. Gently. Deliberately. The kind of king Francis would have recognised immediately.

On Holy Thursday, we entered the mystery of love made visible in service. At the table of the Last Supper, Jesus gave us not only the Eucharist, but the example of humble self-giving. He knelt to wash feet. He loved to the end. A moment reminding us that holiness is not about status, but service; not about being above others, but about bending low in love.



On Good Friday, we stood before the Cross. There, in silence and sorrow, we saw the cost of love in a wounded world. We saw the suffering of Christ joined to the suffering of humanity, to grief, betrayal, violence, injustice, loneliness, and every Good Friday that people still endure. Yet even there, mercy did not disappear. Even there, love did not turn back.

On Holy Saturday, we kept watch in the stillness. It is the day of waiting, the day of absence, the day when everything feels unfinished. It is the day so much of life resembles, when prayers seem unanswered, when hope seems buried, when the heart sits quietly in the dark. And yet, even then, God is at work in hidden ways. And now here we are!

The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. The silence is broken. Life has the final word. The Resurrection of Jesus is not simply a happy ending after a sad story. It is the great proclamation that love is stronger than death, mercy is stronger than sin, and hope is stronger than despair. It tells us that no darkness is final, no wound is beyond God, no tomb is sealed forever.

A hope that St Francis embraced. Not a cheap optimism. Not an escape from the world's pain. But a deep and grounded hope that God can bring life even out of what seems lost, broken or buried.

That is why Easter matters so deeply in our restless world. Because our world still knows anxiety. It still knows conflict. It still knows grief, exhaustion, disappointment and fear. But Easter tells us that none of these have the last word. Christ is risen. And because he is risen, peace is still possible. New beginnings are still possible. Mercy is still possible. Joy is still possible.

As we look back over the journey of Lent, week by week, and as we pass through the sacred days of the Paschal Triduum, we realise that Easter is not separate from that journey; it is the flowering of it. Everything has been leading here: every invitation to trust, every call to listen, every step across division, every gesture of mercy, every moment of waiting in the dark. And now Easter sends us back into the world, not as people untouched by struggle, but as people carrying resurrection hope within it.

May the risen Christ bless our parish, our families and our homes. May he give peace to our restless hearts. May he deepen in us the spirit of St Francis, simplicity, humility, mercy and joy. And may this Easter renew in all of us the courage to keep walking the way of Christ, trusting that even in the darkest places, resurrection is already beginning.

**Christ is risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Happy Easter*

## Congratulations!

We warmly congratulate **Alex Lim, Joshua Milligan, Lasma Laurencia, Lucy Park, Martina Malek, Michael Gurung, Keith Petersen, and Lola Manzi** on this beautiful and courageous step in their journey of faith. Your “yes” to God, your openness to grace, and your commitment through the RCIA journey have been a gift to our whole parish community. In a special way, you have brought a deeper meaning and life to our Triduum celebrations, especially the Easter Vigil. Your baptism, profession of faith, and reception into the Church remind us all of the joy of new beginnings, the power of God’s grace, and the hope of the Resurrection. Thank you for your witness, your sincerity, and your trust in God’s call. May this be only the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith, filled with courage, growth, and the quiet assurance that you are deeply loved and never alone. Welcome home.



## Thank you

As we come to the joyful celebration of Easter, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all who have been part of our journey through Lent and our preparations for Holy Week and Easter. So much of what we celebrate in these sacred days is made possible by the quiet generosity, faith, time and love of so many people. Easter does not simply happen. It is prepared with prayer, care, dedication and a great deal of unseen effort.

A special word of gratitude to our Liturgy Committee for your care, thoughtfulness and commitment in preparing our celebrations so meaningfully. I would like to sincerely thank our music ministry for enriching our liturgies so beautifully and prayerfully throughout Lent and especially during the Triduum. Your music has helped lift our hearts to God and has given real depth and beauty to our worship. Thank you also to those who led our reflection nights and to our Adult Faith Formation Team for the richness, depth and relevance of your sessions during Lent.

My sincere thanks also go to the coordinators of our Triduum liturgies, whose planning, organisation and attention to detail have helped these most sacred days be celebrated with reverence and dignity.

To our acolytes, altar servers, lectors, ushers, Communion ministers, and Altar Society, thank you for your faithful and generous service. Each of you contributes in such an important way to the prayer and life of our parish. Much of what you do may pass quietly, but it never goes unnoticed. Your service speaks of love for God and for the community.

I also want to warmly thank our RCIA team, who have accompanied those preparing to enter more deeply into the life of the Church. Your patience, care and witness of faith are a gift to our parish.

A special word of thanks to Casimir Catholic College for preparing and leading the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday so prayerfully, helping our community enter more deeply into the mystery of the Lord’s Passion. To the parish youth for organising the Easter egg hunt for the children on Easter day, and the hospitality team for organising refreshments after the vigil and Easter day mass, continuing the joyous celebration of Easter.

I also wish to express sincere appreciation to the organisers of our Good Friday Procession. Thank you for the great care, effort and devotion that go into sustaining this beautiful and prayerful tradition in our parish. It continues to be a powerful witness of faith and a cherished part of our Holy Week observance.

I also extend our heartfelt thanks to the Passionist Community at St Brigid’s for their constant presence, prayer, and quiet strength in all that we do as a parish. In a special way, we thank Fr Denis Travers CP, our Provincial, for his support and encouragement, and for being with us during the Triduum celebrations.



A special word of appreciation to our parish team and all other volunteers, who have worked so steadily behind the scenes, often carrying many responsibilities at once, to ensure that all is ready and welcoming during this very important time.

And finally, to all our parish community, thank you for your sincere participation, your prayer, your presence, and the spirit with which you have entered into Lent and prepared for Easter. A parish comes alive not only through organisation, but through the faith of its people. Your involvement, reverence and encouragement of one another are part of what makes these celebrations so meaningful. Thank you all for helping our parish prepare so beautifully for Easter. May the risen Christ bless you and reward your generosity with his peace, joy and hope.

May God Bless You All. **Happy Easter!**  
Fr. Giltus Mathias CP

### "Marrickville Refugee Welcome Group – Bakhtiari family share their story..."

The Bakhtiari family has been in Australia for eight months and settled in extremely well in Lakemba. They enjoy life in their well set-up apartment. It's very comfortable and homely, thanks to the generosity of St. Brigid's parishioners. All four family members are now busy going to TAFE or school! Recently, Abol and Soheila attended the "Josephite Justice Network" (JJN) Conference to share their story, and about the racism and injustice facing stateless Afghan people living in Iran. As a result, JJN wants to support the work of CRSA (CRISP) to find more groups like MRWG to help settle refugees. PLEASE! If any of you know of a another parish or organisation that would like to hear the family's story, or learn more about the CRISP program, please contact [anne.nesbitt@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:anne.nesbitt@catholicmission.org.au). You can find full details of the story they shared here! <https://tinyurl.com/29jt742s>.

### A prayer space

A special prayer space for peace is set aside in the Pietà Chapel, acknowledging the burdens and grief carried by our world and in our own lives. Many people carry physical, social, moral, political, and spiritual struggles, and often long for stillness, comfort, and hope. This sacred space is offered as a gentle place to pause, pray, and be still in the presence of God. Before Our Lady of Sorrows and beside the image of the Pietà, all are welcome to lay down their burdens, prayers, grief, and hopes. **An hour of Adoration will also be held on all weekdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.** May this space become a place of peace, healing, and hope for our parish community and all who enter. **Please note that the adoration hour is suspended until Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.**

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## New wine, New wineskins

START FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 5PM  
UNTIL SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 1PM



*We gather together to look at our Charism  
and the challenges of our 'new times'.  
"No one pours new wine into old wineskins"  
(Luke 5:37)*



In Person Gathering encouraged yet recordings will be made available  
Cost: \$175pp inc. accommodation and all meals  
Location: Holy Cross Retreat Centre, Templestowe, VIC



BOOKINGS & QUESTIONS  
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### Accommodation Needed

A single male is currently seeking accommodation and would be grateful for a granny flat or similar rental option. If any parishioners can assist, please contact the Parish Office for more information. Thank you for your support and kindness.

### Candle for Easter Vigil

Please bring a candle for the Easter Vigil celebration; candles will also be available in front of the church for a fee.



# Sacred Union

For Young Married Couples

## *Marriage as a Sacrament*



Subdeacon Eddie Sallan  
Guest Speaker

Join us for an inspiring conversation with Subdeacon Eddie Sallan, as he reflects on *Marriage as a Sacrament* and the ways God is present in the everyday joys and challenges of married life.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
5 pm Mass followed by  
supper & guest speaker  
in Shrublands Hall

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HAPPY

EASTER

# 2026 Holy Week Schedule

## 02 APRIL - HOLY THURSDAY

- 5.00 PM: VIETNAMESE MASS
- 7.00 PM: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### VIGIL SCHEDULES AND ASSIGNED GROUPS

- 9.00 - 9.30PM: COMMON SILENCE
- 9.30 - 10.00PM: TONGAN COMMUNITY
- 10.00 - 10.30PM: ITALIAN COMMUNITY
- 10.30 - 11.00PM: RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND BROTHERS
- 11.00 - 11.30PM: SILENCE/YOUTH GROUP
- 11.30 - 12.00AM: VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY
- 12.00 - 12.30AM: LEBANESE COMMUNITY

## 03 APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY

- 10.00AM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 11.30AM: VIETNAMESE SERVICE
- 3.00PM: CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
- 6.30PM: HOLY ROSARY
- 7.00PM: GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION (MULTILINGUAL)

## 04 APRIL - HOLY SATURDAY

- 7.00PM: EASTER VIGIL

## 05 APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY

- 8.00AM & 10.30AM: EASTER SUNDAY MASS

### NOTE:

- NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY
- EASTER MONDAY: 9:00 AM ONLY

**St. Brigid's Parish**



## Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation will be available at the following times:  
**Holy Thursday after the Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**Good Friday after the Stations of the Cross at 10.00 am and Communion of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm.**  
 All are warmly invited to make use of these opportunities.



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**There is no 6:45 am mass on  
Easter Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April. Mass at 9 am only.**

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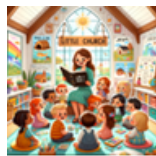
**Academic Year 2027  
Years 8 - 10**

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- ✓ Newman Extension Classes
- ✓ Gifted Education Program
- ✓ Literacy & Numeracy Classes
- ✓ External Music Tuition
- ✓ Amadeus Lessons
- ✓ Representative Sport Teams
- ✓ After School Homework Club
- ✓ Extra Curricular Activities
- ✓ Pastoral Care Program
- ✓ Social Justice Initiatives



## ST BRIGID'S LITTLE CHURCH



Little Church is the Children's Liturgy of the Word, when the Gospel is explained to the children and there are activities that allow them to engage a better understanding of the message of the Gospel. Please contact the parish office or see Sr Elenita if you can help for 30 minutes.

## PIETY STORE

Baptism candles and stoles available. Also a large variety of religious goods – rosaries, statues, cards and gifts for sale.

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# SENIOR SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW

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- ✓ General & Extension Courses
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- ✓ Thursday Master Classes
- ✓ Holiday Workshops
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- ✓ Homework Club
- ✓ Social Justice Initiatives
- ✓ Online External Study Programs



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those Recently Deceased:** Carlos Silva, Losa Kupu, Maria Dias

**Anniversary of Death for:** Angel Chafic, George Jabbour, Nicodemo Travia, Francis Earl Guilfoyle, Pacita Sabitsana, Ellen Alice Dawson, Peter Hoang Binh, Michael Apikotoa, Fr Paul Jennings MSC, Bernadette Anne Lowe, Vicente le Trung Van, Falakiko Kama, Katarzyna LaKoma, Kathleen Turner.

**Those Carrying Severe Illness:** Alfred Schiavo, Agnes Sonju Wong, Amalene & Gerard George, Angela Augerinos, Antonios Gebrael, Belinda Camacho, Bev Harrington, Catherine Vella, Colin Constantinou, Damia Roumie, Damien Luck, Eileen McClement, Elizabeth Pizzuto, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, George Baraket, George Clavigo, Georgette Khoury, Georgina Kaldis, Huyen Nguyen, James Misi, John Love, Laurice Sassine, Leonardo, Lidia Obeid, Lina Massi, Lilyan McAusland, , Margaret Barry, Maria Caccamo, Mary Angela Thomas, Michael Chrissimos, Michael Natoloczny, Paul Murphy, Pauline Zerbo, Penelope Lincoln, Peter Martin, Phillip Mithen, Richard Hudson, Rosie Pazman, Rudi Presern, Sofi, Tim Jude Thomas, Tina Schino.

**Other Intentions:** Joseph Bianchini, Joseph Farah, Josephine Farah, Wendy Lamb, Fouad Tannous Kareh & Family, Greige & Lamia Maarrawi & Family, Souls with noone to pray for them.



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**MASS TEXTS: SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION**

**First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43**

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

**Response: Psalm**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Second Reading: Col 3:1-4**

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Jn 20:1-9**

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead

**PARISH CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2026**

Sun 5	8.00am	Easter Sunday
	10.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
	11.30 am	Easter Egg Hunt
Mon 6	9.00am	Easter Monday Mass
Wed 8	10.30 am	Funeral: Carlos Silva
	7pm	Adult Faith Formation
Sat 11	9am	Funeral: Losa Kupu
Sun 12	7pm	Youth Group
Tue 14	7pm	PPC Meeting

**LITURGICAL TIMETABLE**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY:** Mass at 6:45am followed by Exposition and Rosary, then Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am, followed by Mass at 9am and Rosary.

**SATURDAY:** Mass at 8am followed by Holy Rosary. Sacrament of Reconciliation at 4.15pm. Mass at 5pm (Livestreamed) and 6.30pm (Vietnamese).

**SUNDAY:** Mass at 8am | 10.30am (bilingual) | 4pm (Vietnamese) | 6pm.

**MINISTRY OF CARE & SUPPORT TO THE AGED AND INFIRMED:**

Communion is taken to sick residents in Nursing Homes and in their homes on a weekly basis, either by Ministers of Care or family members. Please contact the Parish Office to organise Communion to be taken to those who are home-bound.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** is offered after 6.45am and 9am Mass on the first Friday of each month.

**DAILY MORNING MASSES**

Date	Lay Min	Reader
Mon 6.45	Vinh N	Jim Y
9.00	Mary T	Liz
Tue 6.45	Albert N	Viet
9.00	Mary T	Viet
Wed 6.45	Albert N	Paul C
9.00	Liz	Buddy

**WEEKLY ROSTER**

MASS TIMES	Commentators (C) & Lectors (L1 & L2)		Communion Ministers	Acolytes / Altar Servers	Collector In-charge
		11-12 April	11-12 April	11-12 April	
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	C L1 L2	Elizabeth B Thu T Micheal P	Vinh N Kalelia F George K Carole P	Vinh N Ben, Augustine	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8am	C L1 L2	Mary L Esther G Joanna V	Stephen O Margaret K Mary L	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G Aidan S	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	C L1 L2	Angie C Bernadette Y Italian	Anthony N John M Bernadette S Albert N	Albert N Anthony N Josh K	Tony C Julian P
Sunday 6pm	C L1 L2	Lenore D Charlene E Rex H	Charlene E Kevin B Lina E	Tony H, Janna H Charlene E Celina E Alexis H	Arthur K Jackie K

**SAFEGUARDING OFFICE**

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on [safeguardingenquires@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquires@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5810. You may also speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.